



2008 Collegiate Road Guidelines:

Please refer to the **Road Upgrades section of the **2008 Categorization Guidelines** located in the USA Cycling rulebook.

**Collegiate Upgrades will be handled electronically by your respective Collegiate Conference Director or Collegiate Manager.

Due to the mixing of Cat 1/2/3 in A Category, Collegiate results from qualifying races will only be considered for Cat 3 to 2 upgrades for the points placings determined in the **Road Upgrades section.

If I am or want to race in....	You will need to....	Explanation
Brand new to Collegiate Road!	Welcome! The most welcoming spot for you is in "Intro to Bicycle Racing" Category. You may also enter Women's C or B or Men's D or C.	
Men's D	No worries. Saddle up! If you hold a USAC Cat 5 license, then you are in the right spot.	Men's D equates to USAC Category 5 which is where you should start.
Men's C	No worries. Saddle up! <i>If you wish for this category to qualify you for a Cat 4 equivalency, you must complete 1 Intro Clinic and 4 qualifying mass starts or 10 mass starts.</i> If you hold a current USAC Cat 4 or 5 license, you are in the right spot.	Men's C equates to an overlap of USAC Cat 4/5 and experience is warranted for advancing.
Men's B	Race in 10 qualifying mass starts or hold an annual USAC Cat 3 or 4 license.	Men's B equates to an overlap of USAC Cat 3/4 and documented experience is required.
Men's A	Qualify for an equivalent Cat 3 upgrade in qualifying mass starts. Or currently hold an annual USAC Cat 3, 2, or 1 license.	Men's A equates to an overlap of USAC Pro and Cat 1/2/3 thus experience and skill to finish a race within points placing is essential.
Women's C	No worries! Saddle up!	Women's C equates to USAC Cat 4, which is where women enter the sport.
Women's B	No worries! Saddle up! <i>If you wish for this category to qualify you for a Cat 3 equivalency, you must meet the minimum requirements set for a USAC Cat 3 upgrade.</i> If you hold a current USAC Cat 3 or 4 license, you're in the right spot.	Women's B equates to an overlap of USAC Cat 3/4 and experience is warranted for advancing.
Women's A	Qualify for an equivalent USAC Cat 3 upgrade in qualifying mass starts. Or currently hold an annual USAC Cat 3, 2, or 1 license.	Women's A equates to an overlap of USAC Cat 1/2/3 thus experience and skill to finish a race within points placing is essential.



2008 Collegiate Mountain Bike Guidelines:

Please refer to the **Mountain Bike Upgrades section of the **2008 Categorization Guidelines** located in the **USA Cycling Rulebook**.

**Collegiate Upgrades will be handled electronically by your respective Collegiate Conference Director or Collegiate Manager.

Collegiate Conference MTB races will be recognized as equivalent of State or Regional Championship events as described in the **Mountain Bike Upgrades section.

**Collegiate National MTB races will be recognized as the equivalent of USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Calendar Category A events.

If I am or want to race in....	You will need to....	Explanation
Brand new to Collegiate MTB!	Welcome! The most welcoming spot for you is in Women's C or B or Men's D or C.	
Men's D	No worries. Saddle up!	Men's D equates to USAC Beginner which is where you should start.
Men's C	No worries. Saddle up! Automatic if you currently hold an annual USAC Sport Mtn license.	Men's C equates to an overlap of USAC Beginner/Sport and current guidelines allow self-advancing up to a Sport level.
Men's B	No worries. Saddle up! If you currently hold an annual USAC Sport Mtn license. <i>If you wish for this category to qualify for an Expert equivalency, you must complete and document your finish placings.</i>	Men's B equates to a USAC Sport and the sport allows self-selection up to Sport category.
Men's A	Qualify for an equivalent Expert upgrade. Or currently hold an annual USAC Expert, Semi-pro, or Pro license.	Men's A equates to an overlap of USAC Expert, Semi-pro, and Pro experience and skill to finish a race within points placing is essential.
Women's C	No worries! Saddle up!	Women's C equates to USAC Beginner, which is where women enter the sport.
Women's B	No worries. Saddle up! If you currently hold an annual USAC Sport Mtn license. If you wish for this category to qualify you for an Expert equivalency, you must complete and document your finish placings.	Women's B equates to an overlap of USAC Sport/Expert and the sport allows self-selection up to Sport category.
Women's A	Qualify for an equivalent Expert upgrade. Or currently hold an annual USAC Expert or Pro license.	Women's A equates to an overlap of USAC Expert and Pro experience and skill to finish a race within points placing is essential.



**Collegiate riders may advance as quickly as they wish up to B category, which is the equivalent to USAC Mountain Sport Category.

B riders **may move up to A category after placing top five in two races that have a field size > 10 starters.

B riders **must advance to A category after placing top five in five races that have a field size > 10 starters.

**In those classes with fewer than 10 competitors, the top 3 finishers are counted for upgrading.

**In those classes with fewer than 5 competitors, the top finisher will be counted for upgrading.

**Due to the mixing of Expert/Semi-pro/Pro within the A category, collegiate results will only be used for Expert to Semi-pro consideration in events with >10 participants.

2008 Collegiate Cyclocross Guidelines:

Please refer to the **Cyclocross Upgrades section of the **2008 Categorization Guidelines** located in the **USA Cycling Rulebook**.

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If I am or want to race in....	You will need to....	Explanation
Brand new to Collegiate Cyclocross!	Welcome! The most welcoming environment is Women's B or Men's B or C.	
Men's C	No worries. Saddle up! If you hold a USAC Cat 4 license, then you are in the right spot.	Men's C equates to USAC Category 4 which is where you should start.
Men's B	No worries. Saddle up! <i>If you wish for this category to qualify for a Cat 3 equivalency, you must fulfill the 4-3 upgrade requirements.</i> If you hold a current USAC Cat 3 or 4 license, you are in the right spot.	Men's B equates to an overlap of USAC Cat 3/4 and experience is necessary for advancing.
Men's A	Fulfill the requirements for an equivalent Cat 3 upgrade in qualifying mass starts. Or currently hold an annual USAC Cat 3, 2, or 1 license.	Men's A equates to an overlap of USAC Pro and Cat 1/2/3 thus experience and skill to finish a race within points is necessary for advancing.
Women's B	No worries! Saddle up! <i>If you wish for this category to qualify you for a Cat 3 equivalency, you must meet the minimum requirements set for a USAC Cat 3 upgrade.</i> If you hold a current USAC Cat 3 or 4 license, you're in the right spot.	Women's B equates to an overlap of USAC Cat 3/4 and this is the correct place to start.
Women's A	Fulfill the requirements for an equivalent Cat 3 upgrade in qualifying mass starts. Or currently hold an annual USAC Cat 3, 2, or 1 license.	Women's A equates to an overlap of USAC Cat 1/2/3 thus experience and skill to finish a race within points placing is necessary for advancing.



2008 Collegiate Track Guidelines:

****Please refer to the Track Upgrades section of the 2008 Categorization Guidelines located in the USA Cycling Rulebook.**

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If I am or want to race in....	You will need to....	Explanation
Brand new to Collegiate Track!	Welcome! The most welcoming environment is Women's B or Men's B or C.	
Men's C	No worries. Saddle up! If you hold a USAC 5 license, then you are in the right spot.	Men's C equates to USAC Category 5 which is where you should start.
Men's B	No worries. Saddle up! <i>If you wish for this category to qualify for a Cat 4 equivalency, you must fulfill the 5-4 upgrade requirements.</i> If you hold a current USAC 4 or 5 license, you are in the right spot.	Men's B equates to an overlap of USAC Cat 4/5 and experience is necessary for advancing.
Men's A	Fulfill the requirements for an equivalent Cat 3 upgrade in qualifying mass starts. Or currently hold an annual USAC Cat 3, 2, or 1 license.	Men's A equates to an overlap of USAC Pro and Cat 1/2/3 thus experience and skill to finish a race within points is necessary for advancing.
Women's B	No worries! Saddle up! If you hold a current USAC Cat 4 license, you're in the right spot.	Women's B equates to USAC Cat 4 and this is the correct place to start.
Women's A	Fulfill the requirements for an equivalent Cat 3 upgrade in qualifying mass starts. Or currently hold an annual USAC Cat 3, 2, or 1 license.	Women's A equates to an overlap of USAC Cat 1/2/3 thus experience and skill to finish a race within points placing is necessary for advancing.

The Collegiate Cycling rulebook can be found [here](#).

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